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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09389, filed December 1, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98830778.1, filed December 23, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/118,527, filed February 2, 1999.

1. Application - 45 pages, including 3 independent claims and 29 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment with Abstract of the Disclosure (1 page).
3. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 15 figures.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. ✓ Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Pirelli Pneumatici S.p.A.

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6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 11 documents attached.
7. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO00/38906.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98830778.1, filed December 23, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/118,527, filed February 2, 1999.

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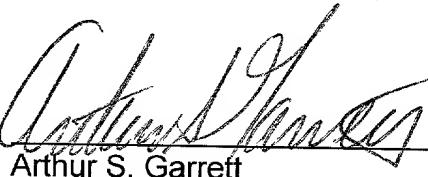
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